(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay the White Paper on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A White Paper on Public Sector Undertakings is under finalisation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Import of tyres

737. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import tyres;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for such imports;

(d) whether the production of tyres in the country is less than the demand; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to augment the production of tyres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The installed capacity of automobile tyres in the country is adequate to meet the domestic demand. The total requirement of tyres by 1989-90 is estimated at 23.29 million numbers for which an installed capacity of about 27 million numbers would be required on the basis of 85 per cent of capacity utilisation. As against this, the total capacity installed and approved is of the order of 31 million numbers. Government are also in touch with the tyre manufactures to maximise production of tyres and tubes. However, Government may consider importing tyres if the need arises.

Privatisation of Scooters India Limited

738. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell Scooters India Limited to a private sector company; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the details of the deal, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As Scooters India Limited has been incurring losses since inception, the Government have decided to transfer the agreed assets and equivalent liabilities of the Scooters India Limited's Lucknow unit for the manufacture of two wheelers & three wheelers to a leading two wheeler manufacturer in the private sector, so that the capacity created and the skills developed in the unit are not wasted. A sizeable number of employees will be given fresh employment in the rejuvenated unit. The rest of the employees will be given suitable compensation.

घाटे में चल रहे औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठान

739. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों से निरन्तर घाटे में चल रहे सरकारी क्षेत्र के प्रतिष्ठानों के नाम क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि चालू वर्ष के पहले छः महीनों के दौरान इन प्रतिष्ठानों के घाटे में और वृद्धि होने की सम्भावना है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इस मामले में सरकार का क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ?